

Where Do I Start?

- ◆ **STEP ONE** The first step for a new adviser is to establish and affiliate an FCCLA chapter. Basic guidelines for this process are summarized in the New Chapter Check List. Affiliation gives you and your members access to the FCCLA "world" and its many avenues for information, support, and help.
- ◆ **STEP TWO** Many advisers find that the best second step is to involve students right away in a hands-on project that is both fun and meaningful. Whether through an official FCCLA national program or a simple local effort, give members a chance to make a difference and take the lead.
- ◆ **STEP THREE** As the chapter swings into action, you and your students can learn more about the organization. Start by creating an Action Plan for your year.
- ◆ **STEP FOUR** Perhaps most of all, enjoy your students and your FCCLA experiences. You know how you aim to instill students with a love of learning? Now it's your turn. Advising an FCCLA chapter can be an "excellent adventure" with terrific rewards, a stronger FACS program, closer relationships with students, and personal and professional recognition.

Keep your eye on the goal, relax, and rely on your students' creativity and enthusiasm.

Soon enough, you'll be the one with ideas and insights to share with new advisers.

Learn About FCCLA

Try these easy and fun ideas for learning more about the organization:

- ◆ Invite a state officer or the adviser and officers from a nearby chapter to speak to members about what young people can do in FCCLA.
- ◆ Have members check the FCCLA web pages and talk to one another about national programs and opportunities.
[National](http://www.fcclainc.org/) - <http://www.fcclainc.org/>
[Idaho](http://www.pteidaho.gov/Family_Consumer_Sciences/FCCLA/FCCLA_Home.html) - http://www.pteidaho.gov/Family_Consumer_Sciences/FCCLA/FCCLA_Home.html
- ◆ Conduct the Step One activity.
- ◆ Ask your state adviser to find an experienced adviser who might volunteer to be your mentor.
- ◆ Obtain, review, and use FCCLA resources.
- ◆ Make plans to participate in the next FCCLA State Leadership Conference, where members can catch other chapters' enthusiasm and ideas while you ask questions and learn from experienced colleagues.